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LABOUR
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INSURED PERSONS UNDER ESIC
A. KRISHNASWAMY

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) total number of employees insured under ESIC in the country;

(b) whether it is fact that not even 10 percent of the deserving employees are covered under ESIC Scheme:

(c) if so, the details alongwith the reasons thereof;

(d) the action taken to enlist almost all the deserving employees covered under the rules and regulation of ESIC; and

(e) the total number of employees received benefits during the years 1998-99-2000 according to the ESIC norms?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d): As on 31.3.99 there were 80.85 Lakh employees covered under the ESI Scheme. In the notified areas the ESI Act/Scheme applies on its own volition. Accordingly the employers coverable under the ESI Scheme are required to pay the requisite contribution and get their employees insured under the ESI Scheme.Periodical inspections are made to detect defaulters who fail to report timely compliance under the ESI Scheme. Necessary legal and penal action is also taken against such defaulters.

(e): During 1998-99 and 1999-2000 a total of about 46.00 Lakh and 44.56 Lakh sickness and temporary disablement benefit payments were made to the insured persons respectively. During 1998-99 a total of 2.91 Crore visits by Insured Persons and3.17 Crore visits by the family members were made to ESI Hospitals/dispensaries.